

# IDAHO BARLEY NEWSBRIEF

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## Idaho Barley Commission recognizes USDA Risk Management Agency's Spokane Regional Office

- The IBC will present its second **Idaho Barley All-Stars Award** to the USDA Risk Management Agency's Spokane Regional Office, for their outstanding leadership and persistence in bringing about significant improvements to barley crop insurance products. "The RMA Spokane office has led several efforts in recent years to make barley crop insurance work better for Idaho producers," said IBC Chairman Ron Elkin. "Their efforts this year to improve the formula for calculating the barley price guarantee has greatly improved our ability to manage risk."

## IBC sets FY 2012 Budget & Strategic Program Priorities

The Idaho Barley Commission held its annual budget meeting on June 15-16 in Bonners Ferry, the state's furthest northern production area. In addition to setting its budget for the coming year, the 4-member board and staff met with area growers and toured spring and winter barley extension plots located on the farm of north Idaho commissioner Tim Dillin. This was the first year that winter barleys have been evaluated in the Bonners Ferry area.

### FY 2012 Budget Highlights...

The board set a budget of \$429,597, which is about 5% above estimated FY 2011 expenditures of \$408,400.

- ♦ **Research - \$102,963, 24%**
- ♦ **Market Development - \$90,371, 21%**
- ♦ **Grower Services - \$105,312, 24.5%**
- ♦ **Education / Information - \$47,095, 11%**
- ♦ **Administration - \$83,556, 19.5%**

### Grower Services:

- ♦ Idaho Grain Producers Assoc. - \$39,317
- ♦ National Barley Growers Assoc - \$25,366
- ♦ Transportation rates and policy - \$3,500
- ♦ Risk Management Education - \$15,000 competitive grant received from the Western Center for Risk Management Education

### Research:

- ♦ UI Tetonia Research Farm cost-share - \$15,000
- ♦ UI barley extension nurseries in 9 locations - \$12,732
- ♦ Oregon State University winter food barley breeding and end use quality testing - \$19,710
- ♦ WSU winter food barley nursery in Genesee - \$1,800
- ♦ \*\*ARS Aberdeen barley breeding for malting and food barley - funding support to be determined after breeder hired

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# Policy Watch - NBGA policies and pending free agreements with Colombia and South Korea

**National Barley Growers Assoc. (NBGA) set 2011-12 federal policies** - The NBGA board met on June 20-21 in Great Falls, MT. Idaho is represented by Dwight Little, eastern Idaho commissioner, Teton; and Scott Brown, IGPA past president, Soda Springs. Here are some of NBGA's key policy priorities for the next year.

## **Farm Support Programs & Policies**

1. NBGA opposes current farm bill funding reductions unless equitable reductions are made to all federal programs.
2. NBGA opposes reopening the 2008 Farm Bill.
3. NBGA opposes reductions in direct payment limitations, AGI limits and funding for the crop insurance program.
4. NBGA supports funding to upgrade information technology systems at USDA-FSA and USDA-RMA.

NBGA supports a permanent disaster program.

## **Bilateral Trade Negotiations**

1. NBGA supports the administration's efforts on the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP).
2. NBGA encourages Congress to reform issues pertaining to the Trade Adjustment Act.
3. NBGA opposes exclusions of any commodities as part of a bilateral trade negotiation process.
4. NBGA supports passage and implementation of the following free trade agreements:
  - ♦ Colombia Free Trade Agreement
  - ♦ Panama Free Trade Agreement
  - ♦ South Korean Free Trade Agreement
5. NBGA supports implementation of Trade Promotion Authority (TPA).

## **Environment & Conservation**

### **1. Conservation Reserve Program (CRP):**

- ♦ NBGA supports the CRP; however, future enrollments should be limited to environmentally sensitive land only.
- ♦ NBGA supports maintaining penalties for early contract withdrawal.
- ♦ NBGA supports clear, uniform CRP rules that re-establish base on expiring CRP contracts.

### **2. Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP):**

- ♦ NBGA supports the CSP as a consistent, equitable and fully funded stand alone program.
- ♦ NBGA supports transferring CSP program administration from NRCS to FSA.
- ♦ NBGA supports CSP be aligned with FSA entity rules.

**3. Conservation Compliance:** NBGA supports basing the determination of whether a producer has achieved "substantial reduction in soil erosion" on the basis of his/her overall progress since the initial implementation of his/her plan.



## Growers invited to attend Cereal Research Field Days

**June 27<sup>th</sup>** - Genesee - Rimrock Crop Tour, Monday, 8 am-10 am, Genesee - Winter and spring wheat trials. Contact Lydia Clayton ([lcclayton@uidaho.edu](mailto:lcclayton@uidaho.edu), 208-799-3096).

**June 28<sup>th</sup>** - Craigmont - Prairie Area crop tour. Hosted breakfast at City Hall at 7 am followed by tour. Contact Ken Hart ([khart@uidaho.edu](mailto:khart@uidaho.edu), 208-937-2311).

**July 7<sup>th</sup>** – Burley - UI cereals extension field day. Starts at 10 am at winter cereal trials (approximately 150 N on Meridian Rd just north of Rupert) with lunch provided. Contact Joel Packham (208.878.9461, [jpackham@uidaho.edu](mailto:jpackham@uidaho.edu)) or Juliet Marshall ([juliet.marshall@uidaho.edu](mailto:juliet.marshall@uidaho.edu), 208.529.8376).

**July 12<sup>th</sup>** - Filer - ARS barley nursery field day. Starts at 4 pm followed by 6:30 pm BBQ at Clark Kauffman's farm, 3791 N. 2100 E., Filer. Contact Clark Kauffman ([ckaufman@filertel.com](mailto:ckaufman@filertel.com), 208-731-5128).

**July 13<sup>th</sup>** - Bonners Ferry - UI cereals extension field day at Houck Farm in Bonners Ferry (from Hwy 1, turn left onto Copeland Rd, turn right onto Farm to Market Rd, where pavement ends turn left onto field road going past machinery), with BBQ afterward. Contact Jennifer Jensen ([jenjensen@uidaho.edu](mailto:jenjensen@uidaho.edu), 208-267-3235) or Tim Dillin ([tdillin@hotmail.com](mailto:tdillin@hotmail.com), 208-290-3773).

**July 20<sup>th</sup>** – Swan Valley - direct seed field day at Gordon Gallup's farm / Idaho Wheat Commission. Starts at 10 am with lunch provided. Contact Patricia Dailey ([pdailey@idahowheat.org](mailto:pdailey@idahowheat.org) 208.334.2353), Gordon Gallup ([gogallup@hotmail.com](mailto:gogallup@hotmail.com), 208.251.9552) or Juliet Marshall ([juliet.marshall@uidaho.edu](mailto:juliet.marshall@uidaho.edu), 208.529.8376).

**July 20<sup>th</sup>** - Ririe – UI cereals extension field day, with the Bonneville County Grain Growers. Starts at 4 pm at Extension Trials on the Ririe LDS Church Farm. Contact Matt Gellings ([mjgellings@msn.com](mailto:mjgellings@msn.com), 208.524.4946) or Juliet Marshall ([juliet.marshall@uidaho.edu](mailto:juliet.marshall@uidaho.edu), 208.529.8376).

**July 21<sup>st</sup>** – Aberdeen - **100th anniversary celebration of the Research and Extension Center** & UI cereals extension and wheat breeding programs field day. Starts at 3 pm with dinner provided. Contact Steve Love ([slove@uidaho.edu](mailto:slove@uidaho.edu), 208.397.4181), Jianli Chen ([jchen@uidaho.edu](mailto:jchen@uidaho.edu), 208.397.4181), Juliet Marshall ([juliet.marshall@uidaho.edu](mailto:juliet.marshall@uidaho.edu), 208.529.8376), or Reed Findlay ([rfindlay@uidaho.edu](mailto:rfindlay@uidaho.edu), 208.226.7621).

**July 27<sup>th</sup>** – Soda Springs – UI cereals extension field day, with the Caribou County Grain Growers. Starts at 4 pm at Sid Cullen's farm with dinner provided. Contact Steve Harrison ([sharrison@uidaho.edu](mailto:sharrison@uidaho.edu) 208.547.3205), Scott Brown ([swb0203@msn.com](mailto:swb0203@msn.com) 801.557.5123) or Sam Reed (208.547.7020) or Juliet Marshall ([juliet.marshall@uidaho.edu](mailto:juliet.marshall@uidaho.edu), 208.529.8376).

**July 28<sup>th</sup>** – Ashton – UI cereals extension field day, with the Jefferson / Madison / Fremont County Grain Growers. Starts at 10 am with lunch provided. Contact Lance Ellis ([ellis@uidaho.edu](mailto:ellis@uidaho.edu) 208.624.3102) or Juliet Marshall ([juliet.marshall@uidaho.edu](mailto:juliet.marshall@uidaho.edu), 208.529.8376).

**July 29<sup>th</sup>** - Newdale - Barley grower appreciation barbecue at Newdale Park at noon. Sponsored by the IBC. Contact Kelly Olson ([kolson@idahobarley.org](mailto:kolson@idahobarley.org), 208-334-2090).